



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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October 2014

2014-2015 Officers & Board Members:

President-Stephanie Larcom; V. Pres-Mitch Kingsley; V. Pres-John Rich; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaughter; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Mark Alliman; 2 yr-Jim Bemiller; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaughter.

November Birthday:

Colleen Lazar	11/5	Morris Groman	11/7	Fred Rodabaugh	11/21
Raymond Harner	11/23	Tom Langhals	11/28		

November Anniversary:

Dennis Gallant	11/11	Elaine/Bob Harris	11/14	Praveen Vohra	11/17
Jesse Blackburn	11/18	Omar Khokhar	11/28		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 4th: Join with the United Methodist Church Election Supper and afterwards attend our Lions meeting starting @ 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Peace Poster winners to show their art work.

Video "Providing Disaster Relief Through LCIF".

November 5th: - Sycamore Lake Wine fund raiser with auction, entertainment, food and drinks @ 6 PM. Get your tickets for this event from a Lion. Proceeds will go to the Pathway Project.

November 9th: 2nd Cabinet meeting @ Archbold, Mom's Diner, 3:30 PM with supper to follow.

November 11th: Zone 3 & 6 joint meeting @ Swanton Lions Club 6:30 PM. Car pool available.

November 18th: Noon meeting at the Town Hall. Lion Jeff Joseph will present on Tower Automotive.

November 19th: North West Eye Care meeting at Napoleon Lions Club 6:30 PM. Car pool available.

November 29th: Blaze of Lights Chicken Bar-B-Q and parade. Sign up to help @ the BBQ or pass candy out during the parade.

December 2nd: MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Christmas Social at 6:00 PM. Location TBA.

Henry's will cater our meal for \$15.00/plate. Program will be guitarist, Jim Boedicker, providing entertainment and music from folk to classical. It will be an enjoyable evening. Reservations needed, check with Lion John Rick.

BOARD REPORT:

Lions Tammy Whitlow, Rachel Webster, and Luke Young submitted resignations. Board approved above. To comply with the reading initiative set by Lions International existing dictionaries will be going to home-schooled children in Bluffton 3rd grade. The upcoming wine tasting/auction tickets are mostly sold and auction items are coming in. The Blaze of Light tickets will be coordinated by Lion Ed Yeager with charge for each ticket @ \$8.00. The Lions will have a truck in the parade representing the Bluffton Lions. Discussion on the Club Excellence Program will be inquired with District Governor Marv Crawford. Lion Jerry Szabo asked to resign from the VP of Programs. A replacement will be asked.

NEW MEMBER BIO:

Judy Augsburger, native of Ottawa, graduated from Bluffton Collge and became a CPA. Worked at Marathon Oil, Sanoh America, Mennonite Home, as a CPA in Bluffton and now is mayor of Bluffton. Married to husband, Dean, with three children. She is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and currently President and Webmaster.

NEW MEMBER BIO:

Jesse Blackburn and wife, Amy (Rodabaugh), have two children and live in Bluffton. Graduate of Cory-Rawson and Ohio Northern University. He is currently the Assistant to the Administrator for the Bluffton Village. He worked previously for the Village and Millstream Career Center as a teacher. He enjoys woodworkng, landscaping and staying fit.

NEW MEMBER BIO:

Colleen Lazar is a Development Officer for Blanchard Valley Health Foundation. She has worked as the Director of the Annual Fund, Tiffin University, American Cancer Society. A graduate of Univ. of Toledo, she is a member of the American Cancer Society, American Heart Assoc, American Red Cross and lives in Findlay, also volunteers through Saint Michael ministries. Husband, David, and she have 4 daughters.

OCTOBER 7TH MEETING:



At the Tuesday, October 7, 2014 Bluffton Lions club meeting Bluffton Mayor Lion Judy Augsburger gave a report on activities the Mayor and Village Council are working on this year. She also shared detailed information about herself, family, work history and why she choose to become a public servant.



ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP:



Lions helping with the roadside clean-up are: Tim Closson, John Rich, Arliss Plaughter, Andy Armstrong, Dan Diller, Dick Ramseyer, Gene Long and Jan Emmert. On Saturday, October 18, 2014, eight members of the Bluffton Lions club picked up trash along Highway 313 between Hancock County Road 15 and State Route 315. This completes our twice-a-year clean-up for this year. Aluminum cans collected from the roadside will be recycled with funds going to the Bluffton Lions Club. The red truck remains in front of Town Hall during meetings for all to bring their aluminum cans in for recycling.



SURE SIGHT EYE SCREENING:



Seven Bluffton Lion Club members participated in the annual eye screening of our local children, acting as “Knights of the Blind” as challenged by Helen Keller to all Lions in 1925. Two-hundred thirty-five children were screened during the last week in September. Thirty-one of these children were referred to their parents for further eye exams. The locations where the screening took place were the pre-school at the Bluffton United Methodist Church, Hilty Home Day Care, Bluffton Day Care, Bluffton School kindergarten and Allen East School kindergarten. Members participating in this project are: Lions Jan Emmert, Ed Yeager, Elaine Harris, Mark Alliman, Howard Shelly, Arliss Plaughter and Barbara Plaughter. Any Lion interested in this project for next year can contact Lion Barbara Plaughter.



October 21st Meeting:

At the October 21, 2014 Bluffton Lions Club meeting three new Lions club members were inducted into the Club. The inductor of the new members was PDG Barbara Plaughter who also sponsored Colleen Lazar. Other new members are Judy Augsburger sponsored by Lion Dick Ramseyer and Jesse Blackburn sponsored by Lion Arliss Plaughter. The program was provided by Everett Collier who gave a power point presentation about his bicycle ride across America. The trip was organized by the Fuller Center. The group of bikers raised money for Habit for Humanity and made many stops along the way to rehab homes and clean up neighborhoods. He shared many stories about his experience and how it affected his life. He also shared with the club that he lost 50 pounds during the 7 week bicycle excursion, a very difficult way to loose weight.



New Members with sponsors...L to R Lions Barbara Plaughter, Dick Ramseyer, new members Judy Augsburger, Colleen Lazar, Lion Arliss Plaughter and Jesse Blackburn.



**L to R Lion John Rich, Lion Ed Yeager, Lion Stephanie Larcom, Lion Dick Ramseyer, Dr. James Harder, Lion Dima Snyder, Lion Lowell Hostetler & Lion Mitch Kingsley
Lion Foundation President Dick Ramseyer congratulating Lion Club President Stephanie Larcom after she cut the ribbon opening the Pathway Project during the Lions Way dedication & ribbon cutting celebration, October, 21, 2014.**



Club meeting speaker, Everett Collier



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